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Sir:

In response to a FINAL REJECTION of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on September 19, 2007, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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